



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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January Open House Program

On January 27, 2019 at 3:00PM, our open house program will be ***“Two Lives. One Flag”*** presented by Bill Cook. It is the story of two men with two families - one American and one Japanese, both missing in action during World War II. Through one special flag, these two families are able to move toward closure despite a time-span of over 70 years. Cook’s family was in possession of a Japanese flag sent home by an uncle who was listed MIA in World War II. It was not until years later that Cook discovered the story behind the flag and the Japanese soldier who had carried it. He will be telling that story and showing slides of subsequent events. It is a powerful story of the faces behind the history and the effects of these events to this day. The Museum will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 and the program starts at 3:00. Cook will be available to answer questions. Come to hear the presentation. Stay to tour the museum.

We are so excited about this year’s programs and activities. Check the calendar for Open Houses and Programs. Not all programs are on Open House Day and the Open Houses are sometimes moved around too. Keep checking back. We also send details to the Bulletin, Facebook and we post on the web page in addition to our monthly newsletter. Let us know if there is a better way to keep you informed. Call, email or message us on Facebook. We want to make sure you do not miss a thing.

Trustee Marianne Pieramici is retiring from the Trustees as of the end of January, after eight years. Marianne and her husband Dante, joined the society and became trustees at the same time. The Pieramici’s have been in Twinsburg 22 years. She retired after a career in accounting. “I will miss everything about the group. I love the programs and the people and of course the city. It was great to get to know the history from the inside. I am into history and archeology and my dream was to become a marine archeologist. Raising children got in the way of that plan. I used to go on digs with the Case Western Archeology Club. I am glad to have had the opportunity to be involved here.” She will still be an active member but she feels it is time to slow down and make room for some younger folks. She will be missed especially on the hospitality committee.



February 2019

Mark Your Calendars:

January 27, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Presentation: ***“Two Lives. One Flag”*** Starting at 3PM

February 5, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, at the Library

February 20, 7PM, **Special Program**, Underwater Discoveries and Adventures by Chris Kraska

February 24, 2PM-5PM, Open House

March 6, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

March 31, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Program on Recycling by Ken Riley

April 3, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

April 28, 2PM-5PM, Open House

May 1, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

May 26, 2PM-5PM, Open House

June 5, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

June 30, 2PM-5PM, Open House

July 3, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

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There will be a special program on Wednesday, February 20, at the museum, all about Ohio's under water historic resources. Speaker Christopher Kraska, is the current chair of MAST, the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team. If you want to know more the exciting world under the sea, this is your opportunity to talk to someone with first hand experience. Kraska, who has participated in books and documentaries on the subject, will have slides to show and stories to tell. The presentation starts at 7:00.

Trustee of the month: Jon Howard

I was born in East Cleveland. Raised in Cleveland Heights. Attended Lutheran High School East for two years. Transferred to Cleveland Heights for senior year and graduated in 1967. Received Associate Degree in Law Enforcement / Corrections from Lakeland Community College. Attended Kent State and began work for degree in Political Science.

Began career in Law Enforcement at Kirtland Police Department in 1972. Transferred to Cleveland Heights Police Department in 1974. Retired from Cleveland Heights Police Department in 2010. Positions held in CHPD: Safety Officer (worked with juveniles/all city schools) 1976 through 1990. General Duty Detective (handled investigations of simple Threats to Rape/Murder) 1991 through 2010; member of original Crisis Intervention Team (SWAT) 1989 - 2000; head of Juvenile Arrests 1996 to retirement in 2010.

Currently married for forty-one years to my wonderful wife Susan. We have three children and four grandchildren.

Lived in Reminderville 1972-1978. Moved to Twinsburg in 2013.

Began volunteer work at THS in 2014. Delivered Meals on Wheels for eight years; Served year as President for Home Owners Association; Served on Board of Directors for Steel Valley Federal Credit Union for fifteen years; Current Trustee - Council for Historic Institutions and Preservation Societies (CHIPS); past President for THS; Current Treasurer for THS.

Hobbies: Exploring old architecture; History; Collect old Clocks and member of National Watch and Clock Collector; Graduate from School of Horology (Trade School); Sailing.

Hello Twinsburg Historical Society members. My name is Jon Howard. I am the current Treasurer for THS. Four years ago I was reading the Twinsburg Bulletin and ran across an article about THS. I stopped in for the following Wednesday evening Board Meeting and liked what I saw. The next thing I knew I was volunteering to work for the "Tales of Locust Grove" program and was one of the "committee of four" who re-wrote the THS Bi-Laws and made them current. From there I ran for the THS President position and was elected. My platform was to Make THS A Business. Over the following year I learned our operation and harnessed the work to make it a legal entity. Andy Tomko, Bev and Frank Klimas, Mary Faith Higgins, and Diana Kriedman soon volunteered at THS and over the next three months we inventoried all property in our possession. We bought a new updated computer and retired our outdated 1983 Tandy. More current computers were added and Steel Valley Federal Credit Union donated us a complete office set up of furniture to work on. We started digitizing our records and possessions and soon agreed to computer link our photographs with the Summit County and Akron Library. We reached out to professionals who agreed to mentor us regarding the operation of our museum and the preservation of our belongings. We are proud we have truly entered the Twenty-First Century with the operation of the Twinsburg Historical Society.



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1951– Due to the Korean conflict, School Superintendent William Mercer is called to active duty in the U.S. Navy.

1952 – An addition to the “Old School” adds 11 new classrooms, making room for the “baby boomers”. This was before the growth in population from the Chrysler plant and Glenwood Acres development.



Trivia - Sports cars were raced on the streets of Put-N-Bay Island from 1952 to 1959. In 1953 competing in the 10 Lap, 1250 cc class with his MG was Twinsburg racer Earl Kornfeld. In another MG racing in the 15 Lap 1250 cc class was Dr. Sam Sheppard who in 1954 was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife. Dr. Sheppard was acquitted in 1966.



It's tech inspection for the #21 MG-TD of Earl Kornfeld from Twinsburg, Ohio, at Parker's Garage. Note the windshield covered with safety tape (Center for Archival Collections, University Libraries, Bowling Green State University).

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